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SUBJ: MY MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER RABIN

1. LEONARD GARMENT AND I MET FOR AN HOUR THIS MORNING WITH
PRIME MINISTER RABIN. IN A WIDE-RANGING AND FRIENDLY EXCHANGE
WE TOOK THE OCCASION TO URGE THAT ISRAEL BE MORE ACTIVE IN
STATING ITS CASE AT THE UNITED NATIONS. THE PRIME MINISTER
SEEMED TO AGREE.

2. HE WAS MOST EMPHATIC THAT THE UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES WERE
DOING A SPLENDID JOB, ESPECIALLY UNDER THE PRESENT COMMAND.
THE BEST SINCE 1948 WAS HIS JUDGEMENT. THEY ARE EVEN HANDED,

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AND FREQUENTLY TAKE INITIATIVES THAT PREVENT MISUNDERSTANDINGS

EITHER FROM OCCURRING OR FROM GETTING WORSE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT "THEY NEED SOME KIND OF MORAL ENCOURAGEMENT".

3. THE SUGGESTION WAS MADE THAT GARMENT MIGHT VISIT THE AREA AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE WORK OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN GENEVA, WHICH IS TO SAY EARLY MARCH. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN INVITED BY FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON AND DEFENSE MINISTER PERES TO VISIT ISRAEL IN ANY EVENT. RABIN EXPRESSED A PRONOUNCED WISH THAT THIS MIGHT BE DONE, SAYING IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO ALL SIDES BECAUSE IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO THE UN COMMAND.

4. THROUGHOUT RABIN EVIDENCED A CLEAR SENSE OF THE REALITIES OF THE CURRENT SITUATION PLUS A DESIRE TO FIND A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE COURSE LOOKING TOWARD MOVEMENT AND MINIMIZING THE CHANCES OF CONFRONTATION.
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